सांस्कृतिक आदान-प्रदान शिष्टमंडल

1391. **श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह :** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) भारतीय शिष्टमंडलों को सांस्कृतिक आदान-प्रदान हेतु किन-किन देशों में भेजे जाने का विचार है ; और

(ख) उक्त प्रयोजन के लिये किन-किन देशों के शिष्टमंडलों द्वारा इस वर्ष भारत की यात्रा किये जाने की संभावना है ?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री चिमनभाई मेहता) : (क) और (ख) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जायेगी ।

Imposition of fine for Pollution by the Vehicles

1392. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a minimum fine of Rs. 1000/- for pollution from vehicles; if so, the details thereof and the pollutants which are sought to be controlled;

(b) whether Government are aware that maximum pollution, both chemical and sound, comes from motorcycles, three-wheelers, trucks, diesel engines and the least from cars; if so, the estimated break up of chemical pollution from each of the various types of vehicles on the road throughout the country;

(c) whether Government would as a first step to ban vehicles using mobil oil in the fuel; and

(d) whether Government also propose to set up an Advisory Committee. with adequate consumer representation, before making any unrealistic and discriminatory legislation|rules?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) In the Motor (Vehicles) Amendment Act, 1988, Section 190(2) provides a minimum fine of Rs. 1000/- for the first offence and Rs. 2000/- for subsequent offences. The major pollutants which are sought to be controlled are: Carbon monoxide from petrol-driven vehicles (3 and 4.5 per cent by volume for four and two/three -wheeled vehicles respectively) and smoke from diesel driven vehicles (65 Hatridge Smoke Units).

(b) As reported by the Central Pollution Control Board, the main pollutant from vehicles is Carbon monoxide. It has been estimated that the Carbon monoxide emission from passenger cars is 40 kg./1000 km. run as against 17 kg. for two-wheelers and 12.7 kg. from trucks. The Government are not aware of any studies conducted on noise emission from different types of vehicles.

(c) and (d) There are no such proposals.

H-Acid Pollution in Bichhri near Udaipur

1393. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to refer to answer to the Unstarred Question 982 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 4th May, 1989 and state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report which appeared in the Health for Millions of June, 1989 on the H-Acid Pollution in Bichhri near Udaipur in Rajasthan;

(b) whether the pollution has been totally controlled and eliminated;

(c) whether any corrective steps have been taken against the offenders; if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any compensation has been paid to the villages affected by the pollution; and